

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

Claim 1 (currently amended): An isolated ~~A~~ human protein hAMSH having the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID No. 1.

Claim 2 (currently amended): An isolated ~~A~~ human gene encoding the human protein hAMSH of claim 1.

Claim 3 (currently amended): A cDNA of the human gene of claim 2, which is hAMSH cDNA having the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID ~~no.~~ No. 2.

Claim 4 (cancelled).

Claim 5 (previously presented): A recombinant vector containing the hAMSH cDNA of claim 3.

Claims 6-14 (cancelled)